

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003 in which the Response to Restriction Requirement filed October 17, 2003, was found to be informal/non-responsive.

In the earlier filed Response to Restriction Requirement, Applicants elected Group I (consisting of claims 1-20 and 2-25), and further elected Species 1 (consisting of Figures 1-5). However, the Examiner finds the Response to Restriction Requirement to be informal/non-responsive because the Response did not clearly state all claims that read on the elected Species.

With this Response, Applicants reaffirm the election of Group I and Species 1, and further identify claims 1-5, 9-12, 14 and 22 as reading on Figures 1-5. Of these claims, claims 1-5, 9, 12, and 14 are believed to be generic.

With this Response, the deficiencies noted in the Office Action are believed to be corrected, and continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

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